

**Please amend the present Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.**

~~In an~~An image forming apparatus ~~of the present invention, where~~ during the image forming operation, the completion of development by one of development cartridges is followed by the rotation of a rotary for setting the next development cartridge to a development position. The rotational speed  $v$  of the rotary ~~for this~~ is increased linearly to the maximum speed  $v_{\max}$  and, after that, is decreased linearly to stop the rotary when the next development cartridge reaches the development position. During ~~the~~ replacement of the development cartridge ~~in the non-image forming operation~~, the rotary is rotated to set the development cartridge to be replaced to the replacement position. The rotational speed of the rotary ~~for this~~ is set to be a constant speed  $v_1$  in a region other than a contact region where an input gear of the development side is in contact with a driving gear of the fixed side and a speed lower than the speed  $v_1$  in the contact region (the minimum speed  $v_2$ ). ~~Therefore, the impact during collision between the input gear of the development unit and the development unit driving gear according to the rotation of the rotary in the non-image forming operation can be effectively reduced and the time required for rotation of the rotary in the non-image forming operation can be shortened.~~